Undue delay in approvals of GRC cases

*295. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC) cases take months together to be cleared after the Committee passes favourable orders;

(b) if so, the number of such cases pending with the Dierector General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) for approval on the recommendation of the GRC;

(c) the resons for such undue delay in clearing the files by the DGFT on the recommendations of the GRC;

(d) the steps being taken to streamline the system; and

(e) how many such cases are pending like this in the DGFT/GRC during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (e) After Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC) passes favourable orders, in some cases statutory requirement necessitates approval by the concerned Committee before final implementation. All the 54 GRC decisions, in favour of applicants relating to DGFT, taken during financial year 2006-07 and 2007-08 (upto 31.10.07) have been implemented/cleared.

Constables in Para-Military forces

†*296. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Para-Military Forces in the country;

(b) the total number of posts of constables in these Forces;

(c) the total number of posts vacant at present out of the same;

(d) the steps being taken to fili-up these posts; and

(e) whether any proposal for the creation of a new security force is pending with Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL) : (a) The Para Military forces under the Ministry of Home Affairs are: Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Border Security Force (BSF), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), Assam Rifles (AR) and National Security Guard (NSG).

(b) and (c) The total number of posts and vacancies of Constables in these Forces are as under:-

Force	Sanctioned posts of Constables	Constable vacancies		
		General Duty (GD)	Other including technical cadres	Total
CRPF	1,64,011	1213	3202	4,415
BSF	1,31,303	1197	146	1,343

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